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TIMING OF THE DISCLOSURE

The listed documents are being submitted in compliance with 37 CFR §1.97(b), before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits.

RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

Document A1 relates to a liquid fuel evaporator and reformer for fuel cell using the same.

Document A2 relates to a plant having high-temperature fuel cell.

Document A3 relates to an electrochemical battery.

Document A4 relates to a fuel cell device.

Document A5 relates to a steam reforming process.

Document A6 relates to a fuel supply control equipment of fuel cell.

English translations of the foreign-language documents are not readily available. However, the absence of such translations does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider the submitted foreign-language documents (37 CFR §1.98 and MPEP §609). English language abstracts are attached.

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